ART Centres in Karnataka

1262. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centres for AIDS patients are located in Karnataka, so far;

(b) out of which, how many of them are in Bangalore;

(c) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation is funding ART in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the amount released, so far, during 2005-06 to Karnataka; and"

(e) in view of great demand, whether there is any proposal to open more ART Centres in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) At present, there are four ART centres functional in the State of Karnataka. One is in Bowning Hospital, Bangalore. During 2005-06, Rs. 145.50 lakhs was released for providing ART in Karnataka under GFATM Round IV project. During 2006-2007, it is proposed to open eight more ART centres.

Trauma Centre in DR. R.M.L. Hospital

†1263. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that target of completion of the Trauma Centre in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and make it operational was 2004, while it is till under construction;

(b) if so, the reasons for not achieving the said target; and

(c) by when the construction of the same would likely to be completed ana make it operational?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) Yes SJr. There was delay in starting the construction due to the under-ground cables, which were to be shifted by NDMC. The building is now almost complete and only some

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